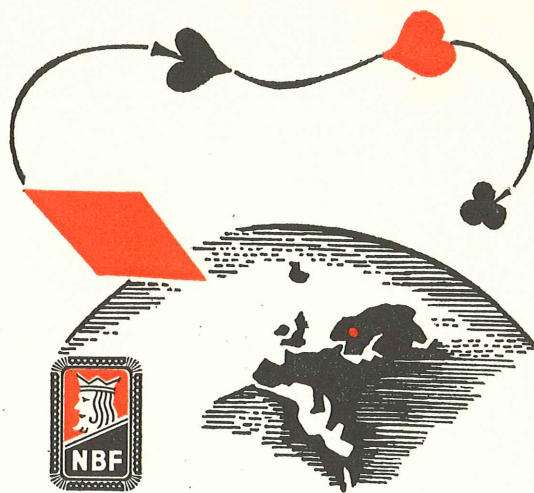


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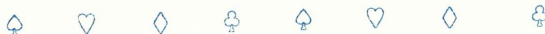
<u>Draw</u>	<u>Half Time IMP</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>V. P.</u>
<u>Open Series - Round 14</u>			
Norway - Netherlands	60 - 1	103 - 51	8 - 0
Israel - Belgium	30 - 13	70 - 24	8 - 0
Switzerland - Hungary	73 - 19	109 - 44	8 - 0
Turkey - Italy	31 - 51	62 - 111	0 - 8
Ireland - Greece	31 - 33	93 - 45	8 - 0
Spain - Portugal	68 - 29	118 - 46	8 - 0
Poland - Sweden	17 - 75	79 - 102	1 - 7
Denmark - Iceland	11 - 23	56 - 61	3 - 5
Finland - Great Britain	34 - 29	105 - 74	7 - 1
France - Germany	67 - 19	83 - 57	7 - 1
Austria - bye			5



IT CAN PAY TO REVOKE!

Mr. Franklin as Tournament Director was called to the Open Room table of the Poland-Sweden match, declarer having revoked twice - he preserved his ♠10 which became the master and subsequently scored a trick. The Swedes complained that the revoke penalty did not off-set the advantage declarer had gained by revoking twice, and wanted the Director to award an adjusted score. According to the Laws this is impossible, and the Swedes were astonished to learn that nowhere in the Laws is it stated that an offender cannot profit from his revoke.

Apparently the Swedish Laws of Duplicate Bridge are different from the official English version - and several Swedish officials agreed that this was so. It looks as though the official English edition of 1963 Laws has suffered in translation, which also seems to be the case with the French edition and probably several others. Some cases are even worse, when the Laws in various foreign languages are the result of translations from translations! In the case of Greece, for example, the only way to avoid misunderstandings is to use the official English version.



VICTORY POINTS

Open Series:

x Italy	95
x Sweden	79
x Austria	74
x Poland	73
Switzerland	71
x France	70
Norway	66
x Gt. Britain	65
x Belgium	57
Germany	54
x Denmark	52
x Israel	52
Iceland	50
x Turkey	49
x Ireland	48
Portugal	46
Hungary	44
x Spain	43
x Finland	37
Netherlands	36
x Greece	29

Ladies' Series:

No play on 1st July - V. Ps.
as Bulletin No:9.

ON RAMA: Wednesday July 2nd
at 19.30 hours:
Poland v. Italy

Members of the Executive
Committee on duty,
Wednesday, July 2nd:-

11.00 hours: Mr. E. Heldring
19.30 hours: Count C. Bonde

x= Had Their Bye



SORRY Mrs. Seligman!

Bulletin No. 9, p. 3, accused Mrs. Seligman of the most unnatural bid of the tournament. The bid was made - just as reported - but not by Mrs. Seligman. In fact East must share the blame for the missed slam as, playing Benjamin Twos, she had substantial values in reserve.



APPEAL, GREECE v. TURKEY, Open Series - Round 13

During the Greece - Turkey match, Board 4 having been played in the Open Room was, due to a mistake by the scorer, sent to the Closed Room with the result on the board in the Open Room visible to the players.

It was ruled by the Tournament Director that the board be redealt, which we did, under notice that we would lodge a protest, as the result in the Open Room was favourable to us.

It is most unfortunate that the redealt board resulted in a huge scoring of 17 IMPs against us, so I would strongly beg that this protest be taken into consideration, and that the board be cancelled.

A. Benjenk

Captain, Turkey

The ruling of the Appeal Committee was that rule 7, p.69, applies and Law 103(a) of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. The original board is cancelled and the result of substituted board applies.

Geoffrey L. Butler
Chairman, Appeals Committee

AS FORECAST - (punters please note our tipster's skill) Great Britain ran out the 3 - 0 winners in their 12th Round encounter with Ireland. Be that as it may, the British lads must have had some nasty moments when the Irish boy-ohs gained a 20-IMP swing on Board 12.

Dlr: West	♠ J	Open Room			
Vul: N/S	♥ A J 6	N.	E.	S.	W.
	♦ A 2	McHale	Tarlo	Pigot	Rodrigue
	♣ A K J 8 7 5 2				-
♠ 4		♠ 9 8 7 6 3	1♠	-	1♠
♥ Q 10 7 4		♥ K 3	3NT	-	4NT
♦ 10 7 4 3 2		♦ K 8 5	5♠	-	5NT
♣ Q 10 4		♣ 9 6 3	7NT	-	-
	♠ A K Q 10 5 2	Closed Room			
	♥ 9 8 5	N.	E.	S.	W.
	♦ Q J 9 6	Goldberg	McNeill	Leckie	Fitzgerald
	♣ -				-
Ireland bid and made 7N. T. - but		1♠	-	1♠	-
hold it! - declarer's club suit was		2♥	-	3♠	-
seven to the ♠A-K-J facing a void,		4NT	-	5♦	-
so it's nice when the finesse is		6♠	-	-	-
taken for you by the opening lead of the ♣9.					
Against the British Six Clubs					
in the Closed Room, McNeill was not so obliging.					
He led the ♦5 and North					
had no play for twelve tricks let alone thirteen.					

Behind by 59 - 97 at half-time, Great Britain found their form in the second half when Silverstone - Coyle and Tarlo - Rodrigue gained 52 points. Here is one of their big swing hands:

Dlr: West	♠ 10 4	Open Room			
Vul: All	♥ A 10 9 4	N.	E.	S.	W.
	♦ J 10 4	McHale	Silverstone	Pigot	Coyle
	♣ K 8 4 2				4♦
♠ A K Q J 9 7 5 3	♠ -	-	6♠	-	-
♥ 6	♥ K Q J 8 7	-			
♦ 9 6 2	♦ A Q 5	Closed Room			
♣ 3	♠ A J 9 6 5	N.	E.	S.	W.
	♠ 8 6 2	Rodrigue	Deery	Tarlo	McNeill
	♥ 5 3 2				4♠
	♦ K 8 7 3	-	-	-	
	♣ Q 10 7				

In the Closed Room McNeill opened Four Spades and played there for 650 points. However, Silverstone - Coyle use a variation of Texas where Four Hearts and Four Spades are weakish suits and are defensive bids. Four Clubs and Four Diamonds show either a solid trump suit (♥ or ♠) or a trump suit with one loser and an outside ace. They were, therefore, able to reach the excellent contract of Six Spades played by the right hand, whereas a diamond lead will defeat Six Spades when played by the West hand.

Is a flat 20 point hand worth a two no trump opening?
 Its advantage is that the entire story is told at once, and that is often a great asset. Witness this hand from the same tussle.

/Over

Dlr: North ♠ K 8 6 5
 Vul: E/W ♥ J 10 6 2
 ♦ 8
 ♣ Q 9 8 7

♠ Q 10 9 7
 ♥ A 9
 ♦ J 10 5
 ♣ A 10 4 3

♠ 3 2
 ♥ 8 5 4
 ♦ Q 9 7 3 2
 ♣ J 6 5

♠ A J 4
 ♥ K Q 7 3
 ♦ A K 6 4
 ♣ K 2

The Irish bid as follows:

E.	W.
2NT	3♣
3♣	3♣
3NT	4NT
5♥	6NT

but the British pair were confused as to the length of the diamond suit:

E.	W.
1♦	1♣
3NT	4♦
4♣	4NT
5NT	6♦

Six Diamonds has no chance against the trump distribution, but Seligman, East in his Six No Trump contract coped well. He won the heart lead, finessed the diamond won, the heart continuation. The diamond suit then squeezed North and when the spade finesse succeeded twelve tricks were easy. North's best solution is to discard three clubs, but the situation is easy enough for declarer to read.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

HOW'S YOUR DEFENCE? To-day's Problem by Steen Møller.

Hungary v. Denmark, Open Series - Round 11

Denmark won their match against Hungary by 7 - 1, but one of the Hungarian players missed his opportunity to score 17 IMPs by defeating a tricky slam. Is your defence good enough to beat the slam?

Dlr: North
 Vul: All

	East
	♠ K 10 9 8 6 5
	♥ J 9
	♦ 9
South	♠ A K Q J
	♠ J 7 3
	♥ K 8 5 3
	♦ 7
	♠ 10 9 7 4 2

N.	E.	S.	W.
-	1♣	-	2♥
-	2♣	-	3♦
D	4♥	-	4NT
-	5♦	-	6♥
-	-	-	-

You hold the South hand, and your partner leads the ♦K. Declarer wins with the ace and plays a small heart to the knave which you win with

the king (North followed with the ♥6).

What do you return?

Answer on p. 6

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

TALES FROM THE VIENNA WOODS, being the sad story of

The Man From Vienna Who Missed The Vienna Coup.

Dlr: West
 Vul: N/S

♠ Q 8 7 2
 ♥ 5 4 3
 ♦ 7 2
 ♠ Q 10 8 3

♠ K 6 5
 ♥ 7 6 2
 ♦ 10 8 5 4 3
 ♠ 9 4

♠ A 9
 ♥ J
 ♦ A K Q J 9
 ♠ A K J 7 5

	Open Room			
	N.	E.	S.	W.
	-	1♥	2♥	-
	2♣	3♥	4♥	-
	5♣	-	-	-
	Closed Room			
	N.	E.	S.	W.
	-	3♥	4♥	-
	4♣	-	6♣	-
	-	-	-	-

/Over

In the Closed Room the Austrian declarer got a heart lead to the queen and hearts were continued. The man from Vienna ruffed high, played a small club to the queen, ruffed the last heart high and took the ♠A, clearing trumps. He now relied on a reasonable break in diamonds and went one down. But he should have given himself an added chance by cashing the ♠A then crossing to dummy via his last trump, which would have produced this end position:

♠	Q 8 7 6 5 4 3	
♥	-	
♦	7 2	
♣	10	
♠	K	
♥	-	
♦	10 8 5 4 3	Any
♣	-	
♠	9	
♥	-	
♦	A K Q J 9	
♣	-	

When the ♣10 is played his ♣9 goes away and West can't hold on to his five diamonds and the ♠K.

As Mrs. Markus, also coming from Vienna said, "Bid Boldly, Play Safe" (30/- from Anthony Blond Ltd.)

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

DID THEY FALL?.....OR WERE THEY PUSHED?

Keen students of form are all asking how it was that the Italian ladies slipped slightly in their pursuit of Great Britain on Monday night when they only look 5 V.P.s from lowly-placed Finland after enjoying a 52 - 5 half-time lead.

It may only have been a coincidence, but we note that the British n.p.c., cigar-smoking green-suited enigmatic Londoner, Alan Hiron, had Rixi and Fritzi on display on the inside track in the Open Room for the second half. And the star Italian pair, Mrs. Bianchi and Mrs. Valenti, were rested for the second half so that they could size up the opposition for Wednesday's key evening clash..... We trust that they picked up at least 3 V.P.s worth of information.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

INTRODUCING.....Prince Ferdinand of Liechtenstein.

A fluent linguist, the Prince claims that he is the only n.p.c. of a non-Scandinavian team who speaks a Scandinavian language. He started playing competitive bridge in the late fifties and quickly came to take it seriously. In partnership with a former Austrian Championship player, Scala, he came third in the Open Pairs in St. Moritz and would have been first if the tournament had lasted two days instead of three! Amongst his many other good results was a third in Zagreb and sixth in the Open Pairs last year with Great Britain's Harold Franklin. This year, in partnership with the Princess, who runs the big tournaments in Cannes and Deauville, and who has been an international player herself for many years, he came fourth in the Mixed Pairs in Cannes.

His great interest in bridge, not to mention his linguist prowess and the fact that he is President of the Austrian Bridge Federation, obviously qualified him for selection as the Austrian's n.p.c. for Oslo.

A man of parts, the Prince has captained the Austrian Olympic athletics team on a number of occasions, from 1962 in Los Angeles to 1968 in Grenoble. He is no mean athlete himself, as witness his sprint performance in Oslo Fiord last Sunday.

/Over

The Prince said that he thought the outstanding pair in the Oslo Championship was Mrs. Rixi Markus and Mrs. Fritzi (Squitzi) Gordon. There was only one team in the Open who would not be glad to have them aboard the ship, (the exception being the Italian squad who appeared to need no help). He added that he was obviously proud of them as they were born Austrians and had played for Austria before the war. As the two outstanding personalities here he named Rixi and Belladonna, adding that he thought everyone was torn between the fear that the Italians might lose a match and the hope that they would do so!

The Prince then tried to scrub the last paragraph on the grounds that he was sticking his neck out, but the Bulletin wouldn't let him withdraw a word of it!

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

ANSWER TO PROBLEM on p. 4

Obviously your partner must hold the ten of hearts if there is any reason for declarer's play, and it looks as if you will make a further trick in hearts. If, however, you are not careful to return a club to break up communications, declarer will shorten his trump length and pick up your trump trick by progressive spade leads from dummy. This was the lay-out:

Dir: North	♠ 4 2	
Vul: All	♥ 10 6	
	♦ K Q J 5 4 3 2	
	♣ 5 3	
♠ A Q		♠ K 10 9 8 6 5
♥ A Q 7 4 2		♥ J 9
♦ A 10 8 6		♦ 9
♣ 8 6		♣ A K Q J
	♠ J 7 3	
	♥ K 8 5 3	
	♦ 7	
	♣ 10 9 7 4 2	

It was the young Danish pair, Henning Nielsen - Bent Marienhof who produced the bidding sequence mentioned on p. 4 and thus reached the bad slam. Of course, you have already seen that Six Spades is a lay down which was duly bid by the Hungarian pair, Veg - Desci at the other table. A good natural bidding sequence would be:
1♠-2♥-3♣-3♦-3♥-3♠-4♠-6♠
The Hungarian South did not find the club return but played a small heart

and then the stage was set for the declarer, Nielsen, called Fessor (short for professor) to show his ability as a dummy player. He won with the ace in hand and noticed the drop of the ♥10. Then he cashed the Ace of Spades, overtook the ♠Q with the King and ruffed a spade. He entered the dummy with a club and started running spades discarding diamonds while South discarded clubs. Getting rid of his diamonds, he cashed a club to which South had to follow, and picked up South's trumps with the ♥Q-7.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

A GOOD-NATURED nudge had been issued to Great Britain and Poland for their slow play. Moments later came a call from their table for "Director".

Creeping like snail came Jo - "I'm trying to come at the speed you play at" said he.

♠ ♥ ♣ ♦ ♠ ♥ ♣ ♦

LEAD KINDLY LIGHTNER

A hand in the Belgium - Switzerland match in the second round, and another in the France - Ireland match in the first round produced unexpected results from the use of the Lightner Double.

/Over

This device is sometimes called a lead directing double and was first published at the beginning of the Thirties in the American "Bridge World" after some fighting between Ely Culbertson and the inventor, Theodore Lightner. The principle is that a business double of a normally bid slam by normal opponents is unlikely to produce a lot of penalty points, so the double of a voluntarily bid slam asks for an unusual lead which may result in defeating the contract. The player who doubles expects to ruff the lead of a side-suit.

Ely Culbertson who tried the device, rejected it at first when he was playing with Lightner, the one who doubled. Culbertson, on lead, had forgotten!

Belgium v. Switzerland

Dlr: West	♠ Q J 3 3 2						
Vul: All	♥ K J 8 3						
	♦ J 10 9						
	♣ A						
♠ -		♠ K 7 6 5 4					
♥ 6 5		♥ Q					
♦ K Q 7 6 3 2		♦ A 5 4					
♣ 9 8 5 3 2		♣ Q J 7 6					
	♠ A 10 9						
	♥ A 10 9 7 4 2						
	♦ 8						
	♣ K 10 4						

Open Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
1♠	-	2♣	2♦
2♥	3♦	4NT	-
5♦	D	6♥	D
-	-	-	-
Closed Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
1♠	-	2♥	-
3♥	-	4♣	-
4♥	-	-	-

On a double by West it looks as if the "Lightner" lead should be a spade which would put the slam down by two tricks, West being in a position to ruff this side suit twice. But Urbanovci, the "Swiss" who doubled, was very disappointed when his "Swiss" friend Tan Vu-Minh, led the ♠Q. This resulted in a 980 swing as, in the other room, the slam had not been bid. As a matter of fact, the board cost the Swiss 14 IMPs and would have brought them 15 IMPs if the Lightner bid had been properly used. Even so, the match would have been won by the Belgians.

Dlr: N.	♠ 8						
Vul: N-S	♥ K Q J 7 2						
	♦ K 7 5 4						
	♣ A Q J						
♠ K 10 7 5 4 3		♠ A J 9 2					
♥ 9 6 3		♥ 4					
♦ Q 9 8 3		♦ J 10 2					
♣ -		♣ 10 8 6 5 4					
	♠ Q 6						
	♥ A 10 8 5						
	♦ A 6						
	♣ K 9 7 3 2						

Open Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
1♥	-	2♣	-
2♦	-	4♥	-
4NT	-	5♥	-
6♥	-	-	-
Closed Room			
N.	E.	S.	W.
1♥	-	4♦	-
4NT	-	5♥	-
6♥	-	-	D

This is the one from the France-Ireland match. Again West doubled a heart slam, this time expecting a club lead. But East in the Closed Room, Dr. Stoppa, misunderstood the double and led a diamond. Declarer could now make all thirteen tricks, scoring 1860 which, plus 100 for one down in the Open Room, made an 18 IMP swing, but would have lost 400 points on a small club lead, a total difference of 27 IMPs. But even this huge swing would not have changed France's 8-0 victory. Note that even on the lead of the ♠A, as long as this is followed by a club switch after a "Lavintka" signal by West, it will go one down, though not the two down that the original club lead would have produced.

J. vanden Borre

DRAW - Wednesday July 2nd

Open Series:

11.00 hours - Round 15.

Netherlands - Israel	x
Hungary - Norway	2
Belgium - Turkey	x
Italy - Ireland	1
Portugal - Austria	2
Greece - Poland	2
Iceland - Spain	x
Sweden - Finland	1
Germany - Denmark	x
Gt. Britain - France	x
Switzerland - bye	

Ladies' Series:

11.00 hours - Round 10.

France - Sweden	x
UAR/Egypt - Italy	2
Netherlands - Spain	x
Finland - Norway	2
Greece - Poland	x
Ireland - Denmark	1
Gt. Britain - bye	

Open Series:

19.30 hours - Round 16.

Hungary - Netherlands	x
Turkey - Israel	x
Ireland - Belgium	2
Switzerland - Portugal	1
Poland - Italy	x
Austria - Iceland	1
Finland - Greece	x
Spain - Germany	2
France - Sweden	x
Denmark - Gt. Britain	2
Norway - bye	

Ladies' Series:

19.30 hours - Round 11.

Italy - Gt. Britain	2
Sweden - Netherlands	1
Norway - UAR/ Egypt	1
Spain - Greece	x
Denmark - Finland	1
Poland - Ireland	x
France - bye	



THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME?

Open Series - Round 15: There will be a high preponderance of draws in this round. All the leaders are likely to take full points but somehow your tipster has a hunch that Italy v. Ireland might have the closest struggle. Italy might even drop a point or two in a high-scoring match, to close the top of the table positions a little.

Ladies' Series, Round 1: Clearly the match to watch will be France-Sweden. With Italy dropping slightly from the hunt, France, (with a bye round still to come) must try for the maximum. In response to repeated requests from Ireland's most attractive player (she suggests that our forecasts have an uncanny accuracy), we are tipping the colleens to take most of the points from their Danish clash - in fact 7-1 looks just about right. Gt. Britain, with a bye, will only get 5, and the position at the head of the table may well be closer than it was yesterday.

Open Series - Round 16: A big match here — Poland-Italy! In giving a draw we are playing safe, but our feeling is that the "Slightly Blue Team" will take 5-3 in an exceptionally high-scoring outing. In another part of the forest Finland-Greece will be just as bitterly contested, as the prospective wooden-spooners meet in a key clash. Again we will settle for a draw to leave the bottom of the table position relatively unchanged.

Ladies' Series - Round 11:- Another big match here, Italy-Gt. Britain. The result must decide the Championship. If Britain win they can hardly be caught, but if the Italians get the edge the position may still be open. At the lower end of the table we give Denmark the edge over Finland but, in spite of Irish pleas, can only suggest a draw in their Polish battle.

With a few lines to spare, we take the opportunity to apologise for the typographical error in our inspired tipster's forecast yesterday. He was reported as saying that Gt. Britain should have little trouble with the Finns. What, of course, he meant to say was that Gt. Britain would have a little trouble with the Finns!